

CHINESE MAY FORCE
ISSUE ON SHANTUNGQuestion May Be Brought Before
Arms Conference Though Not
On Agenda.

Washington, Dec. 30.—In the face of the repeated Japanese assertion that the Shantung question was not upon the agenda of the Washington conference and did not come within the scope of the meaning of president Harding's formal invitation to participate in the conference, Chinese spokesmen declared tonight that this question would be injected into the conference by the Chinese delegation to break the deadlock in the subject unless some other means to a solution was found before the next meeting of the far eastern committee.

"China cannot make any more concessions, in fact she has made too many already," a Chinese delegate said tonight. "If the question is not settled satisfactorily through mediation or otherwise, the only thing for the Chinese delegation to do is to bring it before the conference and let the conference settle it."

MRS. CATHERINE CROSSLAND
DIES AT ADVANCED AGE

Mrs. Catherine Crossland, age 88 years and 10 months, died at 8:20 o'clock Thursday night, December 29, at the home of her son, Albert Crossland, residing north of town. Mrs. Crossland had made her home with her son since the death of her husband several years ago. The deceased was the mother of ten children, eight of whom survive.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from Arnold Chapel, conducted by Rev. Brown. Interment was made in Eventide cemetery.

MR. AND MRS. ROGERS
GIVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Rogers entertained one of the most brilliant informal parties of the year at Callamara Thursday evening. On account of the many students who are at home from colleges and universities, the evening was more than usually enjoyable.

Lee Adams sang several selections, playing his own accompaniment, displaying a remarkably rich voice. Leslie Mason sang several solos in his usual pleasing manner. Miss Henrietta Leake gave a piano solo which displayed her remarkable talent. The climax of the evening came when Leonard Gabriel rendered a pleasing interpretation of "The Mistletoe," which met with great applause.

At a late hour a three course dinner was served, the menu following:

Oyster Cocktail	
Baked Chicken	Dressing
Creamed Asparagus	
Candied Sweet Potatoes	Olives
Lemon Jelly	
Rolls	Candy

Date Pudding, Whipped Cream
Among those present were Misses Grace Newman, Winnie Taylor, Henrietta Leake, Mildred Callaway, Ruth Hobbs, Lois Wright, Dorothy Burke, Juanita Otterman, Ada Riggs, Pauline Gabriel, Ruby Waite, Margaret Walsh, Elizabeth Kiersey, Messrs. Hiram Bradford, John T. Westbay, Fielding Sizer, Jr., Leonard Gabriel, Leslie Mason, Myron Dunlap, Earl Hobbs, Lee Adams, Paul Matthews, George Miller, Alvin Floeth, George Newman, Dr. A. S. Hawkins Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Fielding Sizer, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Rogers. An out-of-town guest was Mrs. R. H. Kinser, of Chattanooga, Tenn.

1920 CLASS REUNION

The second annual reunion and banquet of the 1920 graduating class of the Monett High school was given at the Broadway Hotel at 7 o'clock last evening. At each end of the long table were vases of large red carnations and fern. Mr. Earl Wagner, president of the class, acted as toastmaster, and talks were made by Lee Adams, George Bass, Roy Howerton, Ben Horine, Miss Ruth Cole and Miss Lela Miller. Whistles were given as favors. The following menu was served:

Oyster Cocktail	
Mixed Olives	Celery
Salmon Cutlets A La Diable	
Dutchess Potato	
Roast Young Turkey	Dressing
Baked Potato	Creamed Peas
Individual Bread	
Fruit Salad	
Caramel Ice Cream	Assorted Nuts
Coffee	

Covers were laid for the following class members: Misses Helen Davis, Charlotte Bradford, Lois Wright, Ruth Cole, Margaret Chapell, Thelma Shreve; Mrs. Lester Parmelee; Messrs. Earl Wagner, Lon Perry, Herschel Medlin, George Bass, Ben Horine, Raymond Lipe, Lee Adams, Elton Henderson and Roy Howerton. Miss Lela Gerkin of Carbondale, Colo. Miss Lela Miller, of Springfield and Mr. Lester Parmelee were guests.

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY
TO REMAIN AT PEIRCE CITY

Gen. W. A. Raupp stated to a representative of the Leader-Journal that contrary to rumor the Headquarters Company of the Anti-Aircraft Regiment will not be moved from Peirce City. He stated that only the office of the company would be moved to Aurora where Col. Thos. Loy, commander of the 203 Anti-Aircraft Regiment, resides. The company here will still be the Headquarters Company of the Anti-Aircraft Regiment and all equipment such as motor trucks, etc., will remain here.

Gen. Raupp stated that the Governor's Annual Military Ball will be held at Jefferson City, January 10 to which all state military officers will be invited. Invitations will be issued soon. Gen. Raupp has secured the Joplin Regimental band to furnish music for the occasion.—Peirce City Leader-Journal.

SURPRISE PARTY

Miss Marian Gimbel was delightfully surprised on Friday evening when a large number of her friends gathered at her home to spend the evening. The guests presented her with a wrist Rosary and several beautiful hair ribbons. The evening was spent in playing various games and dancing. Refreshments of ice cream, cake and punch were served to the following guests: Misses Margaret Bramer, Cecelia Smith, Dorothy Dewine, Gladys Holland, Ruth Martin, Hildreth Mansfield, Margaret and Wilma McKenna, Frances Moore, Anna Maher, Edna Flaherty, Agnes DeBrosse, Catherine Ruscha; Messrs. Alfred Smith, Michael Flaherty, James Randall, James Heyburn, Henry Yoakum, Bernard Hanlon and Keith Tiernan.

FIRST ANNUAL BANQUET
OF AMERICAN LEGION

On Thursday evening thirty American Legionnaires of Walford A. Anderson Post No. 178 assembled at the Martin Hotel for their first annual banquet, in connection with their annual election of officers. It was a happy gathering, everyone "having the time of their lives." It was the first real get-together affair the "buddies" have enjoyed since their return from overseas and army cantonments.

By 7:30 o'clock every chair at the immense table was filled. Edgar M. Price, post commander, was toast master, and made the welcome address. Standing, the boys sang one verse of "America," and Raymond Lipe, chaplain, led in prayer.

While the banquet was being served, music was furnished by a snappy orchestra composed of George Rice, Homer F. Lee, Dr. R. F. Whitlock and L. E. Lines. Their music had a swing and charm seldom heard, and made a decided hit with the boys.

The dining room was artistically decorated in American flags. A large silk flag was draped across the center of the room, and small crossed flags adorned the side walls. The post flag was placed on the end wall. From the lights were hung large Christmas bells.

The following menu was served:

Celery	Pickles	Olives
Roast Young Turkey		
Oyster Dressing		
Cranberry Jelly		
Mashed Potatoes		
June Peas	Roman Cases	
Waldorf Salad		
Parker House Rolls		
Apple Pie a la mode		
Coffee		

Cigars Cigarettes
Following the banquet Post Commander Price, made an excellent talk welcoming the business men, and also explained what the American Legion Order stood for, and the things that they plan to do. He told the business men that the Legion was behind the business men, and hoped they would stand by the boys.

Short talks were then made by Mayor Chapell, George J. C. Wilhelm, Rev. C. F. Whitlock, Rev. F. F. Dobson and Emory Medlin.

Among the plans made by the Legionnaires is to organize an Auxiliary to the American Legion, and they talked of giving another banquet in the near future and inviting the wives, mothers and sweethearts of the boys.

Concluding the meeting was the election of officers. Following are the elected ones:

Edgar M. Price, post commander; V. B. Hall, vice commander; Carl Counts, adjutant; Dr. J. M. Russell, treasurer; Vance Davis, chaplain; W. S. Perry, historian; W. R. McCampbell, sergeant at arms.

About forty business men were guests at the banquet.

Mrs. W. E. Thomson, who has passed several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Ferguson, went to Carthage, Friday, and will visit until Sunday with friends and will go to Nevada to join Mr. Thomson, who has a position there with the Missouri Pacific railroad company.

REMOVAL OF WAR TAX
ON EXPRESS SHIPMENTS

The public will save approximately \$1,500,000 a month as a result of the elimination of the War Tax on express shipments, according to George C. Taylor, President of the American Railway Express Company. An announcement to this effect was made today by R. W. Welsh, the local express agent.

The "Revenue Act of 1921" eliminates the War Tax of one cent on every twenty cents and fractions thereof in transportation charges on all express shipments. This tax during the year of 1920 amounted to \$17,502,918. The average transportation for each express shipment was approximately \$1.50 and the average war tax for each shipment was 8 cents. The elimination of the tax, therefore, Mr. Taylor states, will virtually amount to a decrease in rates of a little over .05 per cent. Mr. Taylor believes that this should have a tendency to stimulate business and thereby accelerate the rapidly improving conditions throughout the entire country.

GIRLS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL
CLASS ENTERTAIN WITH PARTY

The girls of the M. A. R. S. Class of the Presbyterian Sunday school entertained the class members and a few friends at a holiday party on Friday evening in the home of Miss Alice Planchon, of Menton Springs. The guests met at the church and went in a body to the Planchon home. The home was charmingly decorated with the holiday colors, Christmas bells and wreaths. The evening was devoted to games, the feature amusement being "clothes pin baseball." At the close of the evening the girls served delicious refreshments.

Class members who enjoyed the affair were Misses Dorothy Burke, Grace Newman, Charlotte Bradford, Della and Florence Couridine, Ruth Feist, Ruth Mahoney, Ethel Archdale, Helen Davis, Georgia West, Margaret Chapell, Alice Planchon; Mrs. Wm. E. Gray, the teacher of the class; Messrs. Truman Dobson, Cecil Howard, Louis Wilhelm, Louis Stone, Leonard Gabriel, Hayes Heimbach, Burt Johnson, John T. Westbay, Lawrence Planchon, Carl Archdale, Tom Steele. Other guests included Misses Elizabeth Keirsey, and Lois Gerkin, of Carbondale, Colo.; Messrs. Otto Boss, George Reynaud, Fielding Sizer, Jr., John Wagner, Gaylord Price, and Homer Counts.

WALTER PERRY
CASE DISMISSED

The case of the State against Walter Perry, which was to have been heard Wednesday before Justice H. P. Sons, of Cassville, was dismissed by the state on account of lack of evidence to prosecute.

F. N. Reese, of Cassville, was in town on business Friday.

J. A. Lassiter will leave Saturday morning for Centerton, Ark., to visit his daughter, Mrs. Lon Thomason.

Mr. and Mrs. James Creech, of Rogers, Ark., are spending the holidays with Miss Enid Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Lehnhard and sons, Phil, Jr., and Jack, of Kansas City, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lehnhard.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. O'Dwyer are entertaining as their guests this week Dorothy and Jack Conneley, of Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Beaty, of Picher, Okla., visited relatives here during the holidays.

Mrs. W. A. Smith, of St. Louis, who has passed several months with her mother, Mrs. Maggie Yoakum, left Thursday morning for her home.

Mrs. Wesley Bradford left Thursday morning for Stafford, Mo., to visit her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. White.

Mrs. Clarence Doyle and children, of Okmulgee, Okla., who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Maher and family, returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. W. B. Oakley and daughters, Helen and Margaret, of Fayetteville, Ark., who spend Christmas with relatives in Monett, returned home Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie K. Grimes, who passed the holidays with Mrs. Grimes' parents, Dr. and Mrs. D. E. Miller and Mr. Grimes' parents at Peirce City, departed Thursday evening for Columbia, Mo., where they attend Missouri University.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Keithly and daughter, Miss Mildred Keithly, Mrs. W. B. Oakley and daughters, Helen and Mildred, of Fayetteville, Ark., Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Lane, of Joplin, spent Wednesday in Springfield, as guests of Howard Keithly and Mrs. J. R. Moberly.

COLDS IN CHILDREN

Dr. F. F. Woodruff, Denver, Colo.

"We're all well, thank you, except Susie has a cold. How are your folks?"

"We're all right; of course Mary and Jimmie have colds, too. It seems like they've all got to have them."

The above fragment of a telephone conversation is typical of many that the weary wires will be transmitting from now on through the winter. The mothers of Susie and Mary and Jimmie would do well to pay a little more attention to these colds, instead of regarding them as inevitable dispensations. Right here is where some care would prevent. A child's cold is important enough to be attended to; it is not a dispensation of providence; it is a sign of ignorance and neglect.

The "Cold State."

Usually the child that takes a cold has been prepared for it by over-feeding, too many clothes, and poor ventilation. When a child is over-fed, the body-tissues fail to burn up some of the food intake; the balance clogs the system and impedes its functions; and constipation results. Constipation poisons the body; all the body organs become sluggish. One place where this shows is in the mucous membrane, which becomes congested, or over-distended with slowly moving blood. Accompanying this congestion is a lowered resistance to germ activity. When the child gets in this condition, he is in the "cold state;" he is ready to have a cold.

The Germs.

Then along comes the germs. The congested mucous membrane is "clover" for them. They set up in business, and soon there is a yellow discharge from the mucous membranes of the nose, or of the bronchial tubes and larynx; in the latter case a cough is set up. Now the cold is in full blast.

Clothing.

Dress the child to suit the weather conditions. The body surface should never perspire as the result of too many clothes. Wool was never intended for a child, and its use next to the body insures an inactive circulation. The clothing should be loose, with no constricting bands. In the case of older children, during the winter keep the feet dry and rely upon outer garments for protection against the cold weather. These must always be removed when going indoors. Children should be cautioned about wearing their rubbers in school.

Ventilation.

Clean, pure air is an absolute necessity to the growth of a growing child. Windows were made to open. In winter open up the house wide several times a day for an interchange of air. At night the nursery windows should be lowered from the top and raised from the bottom. Avoid draughts by standing a folding screen before the window or by tacking cheesecloth across the window openings.

To Cure a Cold.

Feed the child nothing but diluted orange juice for 24 hours. "Stuff a cold and starve a fever" if interpreted correctly would read as follows: "If you stuff a cold you will probably have a fever to starve." Clean the bowels out thoroughly with warm salt water (a heaping teaspoonful of salt to the quart of water). Several enemas may be necessary. Keep the child out of doors or in a well ventilated room all day, and at night the sleeping room must be opened up. Tuberculosis often has its origin with a cold that is allowed to become chronic. If the child is not running a fever with the cold let it take a brisk walk in the open air before retiring, followed by a hot bath. To get a good sweat, wrap a blanket about the child while he is sitting in the hot water. Gradually cool the water down to body temperature before ending the bath. Follow with a good rub making the skin pink in reaction.

The safest plan is to avoid colds. This can be done by feeding the child correctly, and by incorporating in his habits of life the principles involved in the above suggestions. In a later issue I shall have more to say on methods of keeping the resistance high, so that the child will be immune to cold infections. It can be done.

Mrs. J. M. Clayton visited in Springfield, Thursday.

L. E. Clift has moved from 715 Fourth street to 413 Frisco avenue.

Miss Ruth Myers, of Joplin, is visiting her brother, W. C. Myers.

Harlan Moore, of Peirce City, has been seriously ill at his home since Monday evening.

Ned Rudolph, of the Baxter Daily Citizen, of Baxter Springs, Kan., was in town Tuesday.

Robt. Cooper, distributor for the Joplin Globe, was in town on business Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Garrison and children, of Tulsa, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Beaty, of Picher, Okla., spent Christmas with Mrs. Georgia Lewis and Mrs. Pearl Welsh.

CHARGED WITH VICTIMIZING
SCHOOL BOARDS

Springfield, Dec. 31.—Charged with working a swindle game, two men have been arrested and officers are searching for a third whom, it is alleged, have been victimizing school directors of Newton county with a patented sanitary heating stove, guaranteed to drive away chills and give a country school house the temperature of a steam-heated room.

M. V. Lawrence, 25 years old, was arrested in a local hotel yesterday morning by Detective Tony Oliver, E. J. Lawrence, father of the man arrested here, was arrested Thursday night at Willow Springs. A third person in the party, W. B. Lawrence, son of E. J. Lawrence, is wanted on the same charge of fraudulent dealings the other two men were arrested on.

Officers at Willow Springs were waiting last night for W. B. Lawrence's return to a hotel at that place to arrest him. Sheriff G. W. Yaden of Neosho came to Springfield to take charge of the prisoners. E. J. Lawrence will be brought to Springfield today from Willow Springs.

According to Sheriff Yaden, the three men have secured nearly \$800 from school districts in Newton county. The warrant for the arrest of the three men carried by Sheriff Yaden charged that they had fraudulently obtained \$87.50 from a school district near Neosho.

The scheme the men followed to hoodwink the school directors was simple, so simple that it eventually resulted in their downfall police say. They represented themselves as agents of a Chicago manufacturing company to sell sanitary heating stoves.

The president of the school board to whom the sale was made was requested to sign a contract for the stove, the payment to be deferred until its arrival. Directly under the contract on the same sheet of paper was another place to sign. It was a school warrant form. With the voucher signed, it was later torn off and cashed, according to Sheriff Yaden. Vouchers valued at several hundred dollars have been cashed in Neosho, it is said.

On a card carried by the man arrested here the company's address is given as Newport, Chicago. Police have been unable to locate the place. Police also have information from Oklahoma that several school districts of that state have made purchases of the sanitary heater. It is thought that M. V. Lawrence came to Springfield to map out a new territory. Their latest operations after leaving Neosho were directed between West Plains and Willow Springs, police say.

When questioned by Captain Sampsey, Lawrence refused to talk. He first said he came from New Orleans, but later that he lived in Missouri. He said that his father had directed the sale of the stoves and that he and his brother had acted as assistants.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

E. M. Galloway	Billings
Maud Peachey	Billings
Loy A. Davenport	Carthage
Samantha Cole	Aurora
J. Henry Wuellner	Peirce City
Mary Rathman	Peirce City
Chas. E. Jacques	Aurora
Edith E. Conrad	Verona
Osa L. Nash	Aurora
Retha E. Garroutte	Aurora
P. M. Clayton	Mt. Vernon
Glenn C. Seamons	Mt. Vernon
G. W. Ryker	Aurora
Josie Peterson	Aurora

SALES CLERKS AT DURNIL'S
STORE FORM DINNER PARTY

The employees of the Durnil Dry Goods company formed a dinner party at the Martin Hotel at 6:30 o'clock Friday evening. In the party were Misses Ada Riggs, Anna Cunningham, Bee Masoner, Christine Johnston, Blanche Gilloz, Fairy McCormick; Mrs. E. S. Wilson, Mrs. Von Todman, Mrs. George Keirsey, Mrs. A. Nisson; Messrs. Wm. C. Myers and George Reed.

MRS. SUSAN GRAY SURPRISED

Mrs. Susan Gray's sons and their families very pleasantly surprised her at the home of her son, H. H. Gray, of South Central avenue Wednesday, December 28, with a basket dinner in honor of her 74th birthday.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Powell Gray and children of Purdy, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gray and children of Butterfield, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Will Gray Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Gray and children of Monett.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bradford visited relatives at Joplin, Saturday.

Aleck Felwood, of Freistatt, is seriously ill from the result of several paralytic strokes.

Miss Vernon Allebach, of Springfield, who has been the house guest of Miss Melba Scheidrup, of Peirce City, spent Friday night as the guest of Miss Helen Davis in the city, and returned home Saturday morning.

OZARK PRESS TO
MEET IN FEBRUARY

Editors of South Missouri Will Hold Annual Business Gathering In February.

The annual meeting of the Ozark Press Association will hold its annual meeting some time in February at a point yet to be decided.

Carthage, Joplin, Springfield, Aurora and Monett are being considered as places for the meeting.

The question of date of meeting and the place of meeting will be decided the first week in January.

President Charles W. Fear, who was called to Jefferson City early in the present year by Secretary of State Charles U. Becker and placed in charge of compiling the Blue Book, has about completed the work and will make arrangements for the convention and help arrange the program, which it is promised will include some state celebrities of the newspaper profession.

BIDE-A-WEE STOCK FARM

The register of merit tests made by Mr. M. M. Tiffles for December for the herd of W. W. Campbell & Son have arrived from the College. They are as follows:

Princess Marigold Poggis	5.589 per cent fat.
Pride You'll Do	5.073 per cent fat.
Pride You'll Do's Jessie	3.391 per cent fat.
Marigold's Lady Princess	5.394 per cent fat.
Jap's Gussie of Bide-a-Wee	6.175 per cent fat.
Jap's Ada of Bide-a-Wee	5.836 per cent fat.
Odelia's Pearl	6.362 per cent fat.
Marigold's Mary Jane	6.919 per cent fat.
Jolly Boys Pet	6.683 per cent fat.
Jap's Oxford Jennie	5.186 per cent fat.
Pride You'll Do's Jolly Girl	5.713 per cent fat.

These tests make an average of 5.665 per cent fat for the herd on test. Bide-a-Wee will have two cows that will make better than 50 pounds of fat each for the month of December. These cows are Princess Marigold Poggis and Marigold's Lady Princess.

W. W. Campbell & Son.

PIERCE CITY NEWS

From the Leader-Journal.
Miss Katherine Larkin of Kansas City is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Larkin.

Mrs. Clyde Gustin of Monett was called here Sunday on account of the serious illness of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Jennie Gustin.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ellis and daughter, Eleanor, of Neodesha, Kan., are spending the holidays here with Mrs. Ellis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Kelley.

Miss Mamie Dwyer of Joplin is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Pat Crowell and other relatives near Peirce City.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb Bennett of Monett, Mr. and Mrs. Will Thielen of Muskogee, Okla., and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Martin and daughter, Adeline, of Joplin, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Martin Christmas day.

BABY JOHN GARDNER DIES

John Milton Gardner, the baby son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gardner, died at 3:25 o'clock Thursday morning, after an illness with pneumonia and stomach trouble. Little John was born February 27, 1921 and was ten months old when he died.

Funeral services will be held at the First Methodist church at 2:30 o'clock Friday, December 31, conducted by Rev. J. F. King, of Joplin.

Baby John was an unusually bright little fellow and of apparently robust health until he contracted pneumonia.

FUNERAL SERVICES
FOR MRS. SHIDELER

Funeral services for Mrs. Ella Shideler, who died Sunday night, were held at the home on North Fourth street Wednesday afternoon. The family carried out the wishes of Mrs. Shideler as to all arrangements.

By her request her neighbor and friend, W. E. Spilman gave a scripture reading from the 14th chapter of St. John. Mr. Spilman commented briefly on the text and spoke words of sympathy to the sorrowing family. Mrs. Shideler's favorite songs, "In the Sweet Bye and Bye," and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" were sung by the choir.

Interment was made in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

Ernest Boss and Walter Perry were in Cassville, Friday, on business.

Mrs. A. W. Gilbert and son, Arthur Wilson Gilbert, spent Saturday with relatives at Seligman.

Miss Margaret Peck left Friday night for Indianola, Iowa, to attend a reunion in celebration of her grandfather's 87th birthday.—Tri-County Press.